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For the Year

1966

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THE BOROUGH OF SANDWICH 1966

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of
The Borough of Sandwich

The population of the Borough remains steady between 4,500 and 4,600 over the years and in 1966 we were credited with a mid-year population of 4,590. The births dropped back to the more usual total of 54 and the deaths to 57. It was an uneventful year in infectious diseases and after the prevalence of Measles in 1965, it was not surprising to have only four cases notified.

The industrial development of Richborough continued its steady growth and the Loop Street area, a busy focal point within the residential area, presented some problems of co-existence.

The haven around the Barbican and Little Stonar became busy with small craft and boat building and repair showed development in these areas.

While the refuse tipping area outside the Borough presented no less of a problem of control and management than in previous years, the introduction of paper sack storage improved conditions of collection.

MALCOLM S. HARVEY

Medical Officer of Health

Vital Statistics for 1966

Population Mid 1966 - 4,590: Area unchanged - 2,137 acres

Births - Male	28	
Female	26	(3 illegitimate)
Total	54	
Stillbirths	Nil	% Illegitimate Births/ Stillbirths = 5.5%
Infant Deaths	Total	3 (Under 1 week - 2 Over 1 month - 1)
Infant Mortality Rate	55	
Perinatal Mortality Rate	53	
Deaths - Male	32	
Female	25	
Total	57	

Birth Rate (per 1,000 population) 11.8

Death Rate (" " ") 12.4 (See Appendix I for
Causes of Death)

Adjusting these rates for population make-up gives

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Protection against poliomyelitis was much more successful for 100 children under five were given oral vaccine and nine children between five and fifteen years.

Seventy-nine children under five were protected against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, a satisfactory level of progress.

In re-inforcing protection against these diseases 43 were boosted for polio, and 108 against diphtheria and tetanus.

Port Health Control

The annual report on the Port and Haven is issued separately. Only coastwise traffic used the port either at Richborough Wharf or the Town Quay. No infectious diseases occurred in any vessel and there were no signs of rat infestation.

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The family doctors were most co-operative in discussing these cases with me.

There was one difficult case of an elderly physically handicapped person suffering sleepless nights whose wakeful reactions disturbed neighbours' sleep. It is not so much the actual noise as the interpretation of it that is disturbing. Some improvement followed improvement in home facilities for the handicapped person.

Water Supplies

No change in source or nature of local water supply. Twenty-two samples were all satisfactory on test, as taken from a sampling point at Messrs. Pfizers unit, and in a sampling point on the Town Main. All dwellings in the Town are on mains supply (1,682 dwellings, 1 hotel, 47 shops with dwellings).

The Primary School swimming bath after beginning the season with good sample results showed deterioration in June. The pH was found to be above 8 thus inhibiting the effect of chlorination. The bath was emptied and refilled with mains water and subsequent results remained satisfactory.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The need for improving present disposal arrangements continued. Float tests and further discussion with the consultants developed a firmer opinion towards the use of a long sea outfall in Sandwich Bay if an acceptable location and point of discharge could be determined.

In the meantime the Surveyor continued to clear silt and correct defects in existing sewers to achieve maximum sewer flows to the points of discharge of untreated sewage to the river.

Food and Food Preparing Premises

The number and type of such premises was as follows:

<u>Milk</u>	3 Registered Dairies	}	35 Milk Samples
	5 Registered Distributors of Milk		(Methylene Blue: Phosphatase)

Thirty-two passed both tests. One test was void due to atmospheric temperature. Two samples of Channel Island Milk failed and were reported to the local authority of origin. The Inspector of that authority subsequently reported replacement of a worn-out pasteurisation plant.

No action under Section 20, Milk and Dairy Regulations 1959 was required.

<u>Ice Cream</u>	Registered Premises - for Sale only	26
	for Manufacture	1

Four samples taken in the summer period were all satisfactory.

Other Registered Food Premises

Sausage Manufacture	1
Butchers	1
Slaughter house	1
Bakehouses	1
Public Houses	18
Other Food Shops	30

Pet Food Shops 1 Registered Pet Shop sold pet food. This food was checked and found to be in order.

4 Butchers sold edible meat for pets.

11 Shops sold tinned sterilized meat.

There were no knacker's source pet meats known to come into the Borough for sale.

Meat Inspection

There is 100% inspection of meat killed at the Slaughter House.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	1,549	388	511	9,938	14,850	NIL
Number inspected	1,549	388	511	9,938	14,850	NIL
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	10	18	5	79	33	NIL
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	88	148	2	234	1,315	NIL
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	6.32	43.04	1.37	3.15	9.13	NIL
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	83	NIL
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	0.56	NIL
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	4	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Generalised and totally condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Weight of Meat condemned - 12 tons 5 cwt.

There is no knacker's yard or horse slaughtering in the Borough. Food inspected and condemned outside the Slaughter House was:

Bacon	21 lbs. 2 oz.
Canned Meat	30 lbs.
Fruit	720 lbs.

Scrap Metal

There is one Registered Scrap Metal merchant in the Town.

Kennels or Riding Establishments

None registered.

Refuse Disposal

All areas of the Town were converted to paper sack collection and a modern ram compressor refuse collection vehicle was ordered. It has been necessary to fit guards on paper sack holders to protect the sacks from attack by domestic pets.

Public Conveniences

Much damage has been experienced from vandalism. Towel machines have had to be abandoned because of wanton damage to the mechanism.

Housing Progress

Hazelwood Meadow Part II - begun October 1966 - total scheme.

3 BR Houses -	35	
4 BR Houses -	4	
1 BR Flats -	8	Total - 47 Housing Units.

The land was purchased and tenders accepted during the year. A further proposal for the development of allotment land at St. Bart's already owned by Council was agreed for 29 Housing Units.

Thirty-eight of the 47 houses in the Part II Hazelwood Meadow Scheme were under construction at the end of the year.

Private Development

Houses under construction at end of year -	16.
Number completed during the year	- 5.

Improvements

Standard Grants - 5 applications were received and approved for full grant.

Seventeen Discretionary Grants applied for, eight in respect of owner/occupiers, nine in respect of tenanted dwellings. Grants paid total £5,163.

Housing Inspections

Houses demolished	..	..	..	..	Nil
Unfit Houses closed	..	..	..	..	3
Unfit Houses made fit	..	..	..	..	Nil
Other Houses in which defects remedied					12

There were no unfit houses in temporary use at the end of the year.

Caravan Site

One Holiday Site is licenced for 100 holiday caravans - full facilities are provided in accordance with the Model Standard Conditions.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

Prescribed particulars included in annual report submitted under Section 60 of this Act to Ministry of Labour were as follows:-

Registration and General Inspection

Class	No. Registered During Year	Total Registered by End of Year	No. Receiving General Inspection During Year
Offices	1	25	23
Retail Shops	1	62	55
Wholesale Shops:			
Warehouses	Nil	5	4
Catering Establishments and Canteens	Nil	8	8
Fuel Storage Depots	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	2	100	90

No. of visits of all kinds by the Approved Inspector to Registered Premises-110

Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

<u>Class</u>	<u>Persons</u>
Offices	108
Retail Shops	192
Wholesale Depots: Warehouses	44
Catering Establishments open to public	36
Canteens	Nil
Fuel Storage Depots	Nil
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TOTAL	380
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Males	- 155	Females	- 225
Exemptions	- Nil	Prosecutions	- Nil
Inspectors	- 1		

Factory Inspections

	No. on Register	Inspections	Notices
Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6	1	1	-
Section 7 enforced	37	22	-
Other Premises where Section 7 enforced	1	1	-
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	39	24	-

No defects

Outworkers - Fireworks 23 persons + 4 in Eastry Rural District

The Factory Acts Register has on it premises shown grouped informally below to show the scope of this work in the Borough.

Already included under Food Trade Inspection	4
Small units, e.g. carpentry, plumbing, etc.	8
Motor vehicle repairs and spraying	4
Larger Units - Concerned with manufacture of:	
Sports goods	4
Rubber products	2
Hide and Leather Products	3
Plastics and Clothing	2
Engineering Machinery	4
Pipe work/Printing	2
Fireworks and allied products	2
Pharmaceuticals	2
Milling (Saw and Grain)	2
TOTAL	39

Pest Control

Action taken - 78 Houses
2 Agricultural Holdings
36 Business Premises

Sewer Baiting)
Block Surveys) 3

Causes of Death 1966

Cause	Number	Male	Female	1965 Total
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	1	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung and Bronchus	1	1	-	6
Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	1	-	1	-
All other Malignant and Lymph Neoplasms	9	3	6	9
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	1	-	-
Diabetes	1	-	1	-
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	9	6	3	8
Coronary Disease	11	10	1	13
Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	-	1	-
Other Heart Disease	2	2	-	3
Other Circulatory Disease	5	2	3	8
Pneumonia	3	-	3	5
Bronchitis	2	1	1	4
Other Disease of Respiratory System	1	1	-	1
Ulcers of Stomach: Duodenum	-	-	-	1
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea	1	1	-	1
Nephritis, Nephrosis	1	1	-	1
Congenital Malformation	1	-	1	-
Other Defined and Ill-defined diseases	3	1	2	6
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1	-
All other Accidents	2	2	-	1
	57	32	25	67

The Port of Sandwich 1966

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Deputy " " Dr. James L. Gordon, O.B.E., " "

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The Guildhall, Sandwich.

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Whilst the use of the port increased during 1966, no foreign going vessel nor any vessel other than on coastwise traffic called at the Port.

The use of the Haven by small craft increased during the year to a considerable extent.

Shipping 1966

Port Area	Cargo	Coastwise	Foreign	Total Tonnage	Inspections		
					P.H.I.	M.O.	Notices
Town Quay	Timber	9	-	859	9	-	1
Richborough	Oil	30	-	3010	-	-	-
Small craft	Nil	45	-	-	-	-	-
		84	-	4169	9	-	1

The notice served was informal to the owners concerning an out of date deratisation certificate.

Small craft were inspected under Public Health powers where occupants appeared to be resident on board.

Water Supply

Eleven water samples taken from mains giving access to water points at Town Quay and at Richborough were all satisfactory with adequate chlorination level.

No changes occurred in arrangements for Infectious Diseases, Smallpox, Venereal Diseases, or Mortuary arrangements.

